

ALTERNATIVE FUELS (FY04)

General Services Division
(512) 302-2408

- * 4,917 TxDOT cars and trucks use compressed natural gas (CNG) or liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in addition to gasoline.
- * 266 pieces of equipment such as asphalt spreaders and forklifts use LPG or electricity.
- * 84 percent of the fuel used by TxDOT alternative fuel vehicles and equipment is CNG or LPG.
- * TxDOT vehicles use 5.6 million gallons of alternative fuels instead of gasoline every year.
- * TxDOT embraces changes in motor vehicle technology by voluntarily using ultra-low sulfur diesel and purchasing hybrid (gas/electric) and flex-fuel vehicles.

AVIATION

Aviation Division
(512) 416-4550

- * 300 airports in Texas are eligible for TxDOT funding (FY04).
- * 48,944 pilots have been certified in Texas by the Federal Aviation Administration (FY03).
- * The Texas airport system is the largest in the nation.

BEAUTIFICATION (FY04)

Travel Division
(512) 486-5904

- * 3,577 volunteer groups adopted 7,639 miles of right of way as part of the Adopt-a-Highway program.
- * The Adopt-a-Highway program allows groups and organizations to voluntarily pick up trash along designated stretches of TxDOT-maintained roadways.

- * TxDOT sows more than 30,000 pounds of wildflower seeds every year as part of its vegetation management program.
- * 197,778 trees, shrubs and ground coverings were planted along state-maintained highways.

BRIDGES (Sept. 2004)

Bridge Division
(512) 416-2278

- * Texas has 48,920 bridges, about 40 percent more than any other state. TxDOT conducts routine inspections of each bridge at least once every two years, classifying it by condition according to federal and state requirements.
- * Texas has 2,416 structurally deficient bridges. These bridges are limited in their load-carrying capacity or they are frequently flooded, creating severe traffic delays.
- * Texas has 7,696 functionally obsolete bridges. These bridges do not meet current geometrical design standards and do not efficiently handle today’s traffic volumes and types.
- * Texas has 1,654 substandard-for-load-only bridges. These bridges are not structurally deficient or functionally obsolete but have a load capacity less than the maximum permitted by state law.
- * Contracts were awarded to replace or rehabilitate 454 bridges. The value of these contracts is \$496.1 million (FY04).
- * Contracts were awarded to build 260 new bridges. The value of these contracts is \$439.3 million (FY04).



BUDGET (FY05 appropriations, in millions)

Finance Division
(512) 463-8967

Plan It	
Plan/design/manage	\$718.0
Right of way acquisition	475.0
Research	22.6
Total	\$1,215.6
Build It	
Highway construction	\$2,402.0
Aviation	62.3
Total	\$2,464.3
Maintain It	
Contracted maintenance	\$2,039.2
Routine maintenance	520.7
Gulf waterway	1.6
Ferry system	52.2
Total	\$2,613.7
Use It	
Public transportation	\$63.8
Medical transportation	94.0
Registration and titling	68.4
Vehicle dealer regulation	5.7
Traffic safety	35.1
Travel information	19.7
Automobile theft prevention	10.3
Total	\$297.0
Manage It	
Central administration	\$36.8
Information resources	33.0
Other support services	36.6
Regional administration	68.2
Total	174.6
Grand Total	\$6,765.2
Note: totals may not add up due to rounding.	
Source: 78th Texas Legislature, Senate Bill No. 1, General Appropriations Act	

Employees (LAR 06-07)

Finance Division,
(512) 463-8967

14,812 full-time equivalent positions (not including summer hires).

GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

Transportation Planning & Programming Division
(512) 486-5000

- * The U.S. Intracoastal Waterway connects all major ports on the Gulf of Mexico. This waterway provides the safest, least expensive and most environmentally friendly way for transporting many different goods including petrochemical products.
- * The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway extends 423 miles along the Texas coast.
- * In 2002, 99,970 barges carried 63.4 million short tons of cargo.

INCOMING REVENUE (HIGHWAY FUND 6)
(FY05 appropriations, in millions)

Finance Division
(512) 936-2701

Federal funds	\$3,286.2
Motor fuel tax	2,207.8
Vehicle registration	840.4
Other	350.7
Total 2005 estimated receipts	\$6,685.1

MOTOR CARRIERS (FY04)

Motor Carrier Division
(512) 465-3579

- * 444,246 oversize/overweight permits were issued.
- * Texas registered 39,410 motor carriers. *Motor carriers* are companies that own and/or operate vehicles that have a gross or registered weight of more than 26,000 pounds. These include 18-wheelers, tow trucks and trucks transporting hazardous materials that require placards. These vehicles must obtain operation authority from TxDOT.
- * 320,177 motor carrier vehicles were registered in Texas.
- * Between FY03 and FY04, the number of registered motor carrier companies increased by 10 percent while the number of vehicles registered by these companies increased by 40 percent.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Public Transportation Division
(512) 416-2867

- * 7,526 transit vehicles including buses and vans operated in Texas (FY03).
- * TxDOT provided 274.8 million rides on public transportation vehicles (FY03).
- * Total federal appropriations for public transportation: \$295 million (FY04).
- * Total state appropriations for public transportation: \$58.8 million (FY04).
- * 3.5 million one-way trips for people receiving services through the Medical Transportation Program at a cost of \$46.3 million (FY04).

RECYCLING (FY04)

General Services Division
(512) 302-2408

- * TxDOT purchased \$631 million worth of enviromentally preferable products.

Recycled Materials

Compost	353,000 cubic ft.
Crumb rubber	20,600 tons
Crushed concrete	1,054,000 tons
Steel	286,000 tons

- * In addition, TxDOT recovered 447 tons of paper, 3.3 million cubic yards of reclaimed asphalt pavement, and more than 3,000 tons of scrap metal for recycling.

RIGHT OF WAY

Right of Way Division
(512) 416-2902

TxDOT maintains 1.1 million acres of right of way.



Public Information Office
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SYSTEM SIZE (CY03)

For information on centerline miles:
Transportation Planning and Programming Division
(512) 486-5000

For information on picnic and safety areas:
Maintenance Division
(512) 416-3054

TxDOT maintains 79,535 centerline miles. *Centerline miles* are miles traveled in a one-way direction regardless of the number of lanes in a roadway.

State-maintained centerline miles

Interstate highways	3,233
U.S. highways	12,102
State highways	16,199
Farm or Ranch to Market roads	40,985
Frontage roads	6,677
Park roads	339

TxDOT maintains 743 picnic areas which include picnic tables, and 101 rest areas which include restroom facilities and picnic tables.

TOURISM (FY04)

Travel Division
(512) 486-5904

3.3 million people visited TxDOT’s Travel Information Centers. TxDOT responded by mail to 591,000 tourism inquiries.

Texas Highways magazine has an average circulation of 267,500.

TRAFFIC (FY03)

Transportation Planning and Programming Division
(512) 486-5000

The average *daily* vehicle miles traveled (VMT) on state-maintained highways is 449.5 million miles. The average daily VMT on all roadways in the state is 597.8 million miles.

The average *annual* VMT on state-maintained highways is 164.1 billion miles (218.2 billion on all state roadways).

While only 26 percent of roadways in Texas are state-maintained, 75 percent of all VMT occurs on state-maintained highways.

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

Traffic Operations Division
(512) 416-3200

TxDOT maintains 6,336 traffic signals throughout Texas at a cost of more than \$26 million (FY04).

Texas has 11,985 public highway/rail crossings. About 45 percent of these crossings have signalized warning devices.

TxDOT funds 804 traffic safety programs at a cost of \$37.8 million (FY05). These include programs on the proper use of safety belts and child safety passenger seats, and on the dangers of speeding, aggressive driving and driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs.

VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATION (FY04)

Vehicle Titles and Registration Division
(512) 302-2076

TxDOT, in partnership with county tax assessor-collectors, processes motor vehicle registration fees to help pay for construction and maintenance of the state’s transportation system. TxDOT also collects fees for issuing titles and recording vehicle ownership information for Texas residents.

*Registered motor vehicles	18.9 million
*Registration fees directed to Highway Fund	\$839.9 million
*Registration fees retained by counties	\$421.8 million
*Motor vehicle titles issued	5.8 million
*Title revenue collected	\$166.6 million
*Title fees to Highway Fund	\$15.5 million
*Title fees retained by counties	\$25.9 million
*Vehicle sales directed to general revenue.	\$2.5 billion
*Value of 32 grants for Automobile Theft Prevention Program	\$9.8 million

1.9 million customers received information through correspondence, telephone inquiries, e-mails and walk-in visits.

Pocket Facts



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